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## NEXT GENERAL MEETING

Thursday, January 12th at 8:00 pm

**Cure of Ars Church School Auditorium**

**Merrick Ave., Merrick**

**(South of Sunrise Highway between Sunrise Hwy. & Merrick Road)**

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## SWEARING IN OF CLUB OFFICERS

### YEARBOOKS TO BE DISTRIBUTED

### WE ASK ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND

## President's Message

❁ Welcome to the 2006 season of the Freeport Tuna Club. I am very proud and honored to be your President for this New Year. I would like to first Thank the out going President John Jutt. His hard work and strong leadership made 2005 a great year for our club. Working with John and the board, we made some great improvements to our club last year. A new patio at the property, 2 new BBQ grills were purchased with money raised by captain & anglers. The Club has fixed and improved the lighting at the property to insure our safety and security. We had 2 of the best Rodeos, Sacs Bay flotilla and an August GM luau that was fun for all who attended and will become part of our special events in the years to come. We also brought back our Thursday night clinics; which were well attended and very informative and will continue throughout 2006. Our derbies were well-fished last year as well as our shootouts. I want to thank everyone who participated in our shootouts; especially Doug Toback for bringing home the Staten Island shootout trophy for the first time since 2002. 2005 was a great year for the club and our expectations for 2006 are even greater. Myself and the Board of Directors will make every effort to make this club as prestigious and fun as it has always been. In the upcoming year I plan to address one of the largest issues concerning our club- the bulkhead and the future of the property. One of the things that sets this club apart from others is the ownership of the property and the way it lets us utilize it. The

property is in need of some repairs and will need more as age takes its toll on it. With this in mind, there will be a formation of a long term planning committee to address the concerns of the property in a timely, well thought out and fiscally responsible manner. This will insure that the property is safe and in useful condition for years to come. This will be no easy task but with the help of our strong and dedicated board of directors and participation from our membership we will fulfill this need of the club. Our club has many committees that need volunteers. In the up coming GM, there will be a board listing these committees, please step up and join one. Participation is the key to a great club experience. I can attest to this; in 1999 I joined the Freeport Tuna club and washed dishes for the captain & anglers, soon after I co-chaired the committee and then was elected to the board of directors in 2002 and now I have the pleasure and honor to be your president. The friends I have made are for life and I have met some of the best people in the world in this club. My hope and goals as President will be to keep up the traditions and improve the club's conditions to keep everyone's club experience the best it can be. Remember, nothing beats clear skies, calm water and fishing with a bunch of friends (and maybe a few fish in the box). A Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

*Jim Rooney*  
President

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# FISHING BULLETIN

It is once again with great pleasure that I will be responsible for our monthly fishing reports for the 2006 season. I encourage all members to please contact me regarding their outstanding catches. I look forward to receiving your reports and take a tremendous amount of pride in publishing them each month in our newsletter. Mother nature has not thrust her wintertime fist at us yet and several of our members continue to report catches when they are able to sail. We are already into the New Year, with several events scheduled throughout the next two months, the month of March is just around the corner and that is usually the time we look to make ready our vessels for the upcoming season.



The New York Boat Show is currently underway and this show is a great venue to view new products to outfit your fishing arsenals or re-power your vessel. Several other shows on the calendar are the Sportsman's Show at the Nassau Coliseum this month and the Sportsman's Show at the Freeport Recreation Center during the month of February, to name a few. Now that the holidays are over and before any stage of cabin fever sets in, is time to take stock of your fishing tackle. Unharness your reels from their rods, replace worn drags and re-spool them with fresh line. Make sure your roller guides are rolling correctly and not binding up. Changing leaders on your favorite lures and any other preventative maintenance should hope to insure that

you have this all out of the way for when the season starts and a trouble free one if all is done correctly.

On the local fishing front several of our club members continue to target blackfish and have reported decent action despite the slower reports that have been coming from the party boats. Paul Hilton, John Jutt and Grover Howell have reported during their outings that fish up to 9.0 lbs have been caught in the vicinity of 17 Fathoms. Barring any major changes in weather we can expect this fishing to continue for a while. One can expect to see a few codfish mixed in as well as we settle more into our winter.

If you have your sites set on more than 17 Fathoms of water beneath your boots then a trip to the off-shore wrecks are in order. This is the time of the year when the giant black seabass can be caught at their wintering grounds, that is the wrecks that lie 50-80 miles offshore in 180-220 feet of water. If you find a window of weather then this is an excellent fishery to target as most of the fish are in the 3-6lb.class.

I expect to be able to share additional information with you regarding our Annual Offshore Codfish Trip. The dates are set for a departure on the evening of Friday April 21 and returning on Sunday evening April 23. We will be sailing aboard the Viking Starship this year.

Sincerely,

Captain Harry Weinblatt  
F/V Blue Marlin



## FLUKE CALCUTTA

The presenting of the first annual fluke Calcutta plaque and prize money to the "Duke of Fluke" Scott Schafer was deferred until this month.

## PROPERTY

Summer contracts were mailed out and the first payments are due in January.

The club has eight members on the waiting list for slips (four outside; four inside). To date, one outside slip has opened up. If you wish to join the waiting list roster, see Mike Sullivan.

Twenty seven members took advantage of the winter storage at the club.

## MEMBERSHIP

Andy Stark says hi to all his friends at the Freeport Tuna Club from Cincinnati, Ohio. Anyone wishing to contact Andy can do so at 513-469-0334. Membership renewals were mailed out. Please remit. If you have not gotten your membership renewal application, please contact membership.



# CLUB AWARDS & DERBY DATES

Capt. Lawrence J. Festa F/V Kristen

JANUARY 2006 DERBY, AWARDS & CONTEST REPORT  
Awards Chairman: Captain Lawrence J. Festa  
Committee Team: Captain Michael Zullo, Mary Ellen Zullo,  
Captain Chris Squeri, Joseph Jahn

The following derbies are closed winners will be awarded at the Jan. GM:

Blackfish (03 lbs.).....October 22nd ~ November 27th  
1ST Place: Captain Paul Hilton.....7.5 lbs. F/V Emily S  
2nd Place: Captain Frank Saviano.....7.46 lbs. F/V Angry Annie  
3rd Place: Captain Joe Fanora.....7.34 lbs. F/V Norma

Striped Bass (15 lbs.).....October 15th ~ November 27th  
1st Place: Captain Doug Toback.....35.36 lbs F/V Corazon  
2nd Place: Captain Doug Toback.....24.26 lbs. F/V Corazon  
3rd Place: Captain Doug Toback.....21.68 lbs. F/V Corzon

The following derbies are closed winners to be award at the February GM  
Fall Cod (10 lbs.).....October 1st ~ December 18th

Note: Last Call for weigh slips. Deadline is January 15th 2006. If you think you have a winning fish for our 2005 Annual Awards it is your responsibility to check with the awards committee prior to weigh slip deadlines which is January 15th . You must keep the white weigh master stamped copy for your records and the buff goes to the committee also with weigh master stamp & signature.

All winners will be posted in our February 2006 Bulletin Report. Only protest excepted will be those in which the awards committee has your slip prior to the January 15, 2006 deadline.

## SOME NAUTICAL TRIVIA



To determine the speed a vessel was traveling, sailors in the olden days threw a log over-board, with a line attached to it containing knots about 50 feet apart (each knot on the line bears the same proportion to a mile that thirty seconds do to an hour). The number of knots run off from the reel in a half of a minute shows the number of miles the vessel sails in an hour. Since the nautical usage knot is a unit of speed, not of distance and has a built-in meaning of 'per hour', a ship would strictly be said to travel at ten kots, rather than ten knots per hour.

1 knot = 1 nautical mile = 1.15 statute miles = 6,080.26 feet = 1.85 kilometers.

### Nitty Gritty

Said to have its origins in the 18th Century, during the period of slave trading. The phrase referenced the debris left at the bottom of a slave ship after a voyage. A visit to the hold was described as 'going to the nitty gritty'.

### ... "to the bitter end" ...

A ship is brought to a bitter when the cable is allowed to run out to that stop. When a chain or rope is paid out to the 'bitter end', no more remains to be let go; hence, the nautical expression describes the end of a cable attached to the 'bit'.

## CAPTAIN & ANGLERS

Thanks to the participation of all the members, this past season one of the best seasons ever. We had two great rodeos and an August GM luau that was fun for all who attended (no one will forget Bob Pandey and John Jutt in their grass skirts). I would like to thank Hank Jenet for his hard work by bringing clinics back to the Thursday night BBQ. The guests were great and very informative. Hank will continue the clinics over the winter, check your bulletin or the web site for upcoming events. I would also like to thank my whole cook crew for the great job they did this season, you guys are the best. A big thank you goes out to President John Jutt and the Board of Directors for the support and enthusiasm they have given this committee; they have enabled us to make Captain & Anglers a club event for all to enjoy. For Bob Pandey, myself and the whole cook crew, thanks again for a great season and have a safe and happy holiday.

Jim Rooney

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**2006 Officers**

James Rooney..... President

Chris Squeri.....1st Vice President

Joseph Jahn.....2nd Vice President

Mike Sullivan ..... Treasurer

Chris Bellinzoni.....Secretary



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**HAPPY NEW YEAR  
TO ALL CLUB MEMBERS  
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**CLASSIFIED:**

• 1984 Tiara Pursuit 27, cabin, stand up head, twin 220 crusaders, GPS, Depth finder, radio, out riggers, \$20, 000 Also, 16 ft. heavy fiberglass dingy \$200. Call Michael 516-535-4085, [embroidme@optonline.net](mailto:embroidme@optonline.net)

• 12' Barneget Duck Boat by Aero Marine. Locking hard cover and spray shield, 15 h.p. Mariner w/ sting ray jr., 3 yr. old trailer \$2,250.00 Call Ron 516-593-6560

• 1 28x23<sup>1/4</sup> 3 blade nibril prop. like new condition, reasonably priced 516-632-9770.

• WANTED - Mate on offshore & inshore trips - clean boat after trips - prep boat before trips -perform misc tasks during the week Contact: JEFF 516.377.2677

